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### Students' presidential picks

by Rachna Shah

With primary elections beginning in many states, students are starting to pay attention to the up-coming presidential elections. They are also choosing their favorite candidates and forming their opinions on the issues.

### **Student Views**

Junior Lauren Turso identifies herself as "a 100 percent conservative Republican" and named George Bush as her favorite. Junior Harris Aaron, on the other hand, could not decide on a candidate. "[The candidates] should address the issues and be more concerned about people. Our country's headed in the wrong direction, and we need someone to push it in the right way," he said.

Senior Kim Seelinger, when speaking about incumbent George Bush, said, "I like Bush's foreign policy, but I think we've had enough of him.

### Thoughts on Clinton

Students are also aware of the scandal surrounding Democratic candidate Bill Clinton, who has been accused of committing adultery. Most students agreed with Lauren who said, "I don't think it's any of our business, and I don't think it should affect his political career." Some, however, concurred with junior Lisa Rabbi, who remarked, "If he can't even be loyal to his own wife, how can anyone even trust him?"

### Living poets' society returns for third year

by Samir Dhindhwal

Last month, EBHS hosted the Third Annual Poetry Celebration sponsored by the East Brunswick Board of Education and the Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation.

The Festival was held on the 26th and 27th of March under the direction of Mr. John Pember and Mr. Manfred Peil. Featured on the 26th were eight poets from the Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation who spoke with EBHS students in their respective English classes.

### Gregory Orr & Co.

Poet Gregory Orr, along with other professional poets, came to the high school on March 27th to discuss various aspects of his poetry. Mr. Orr, who is currently a professor of English as well as the director of the graduate program in writing at the University of Virginia, read his poetry during an assembly program and conducted a poetry workshop. Also participating in the workshops and readings were the eight poets from the Dodge Foundation.

### Student visitors, too

Our high school also hosted students from other regional high schools. Students from Ewing, Metuchen, Woodbridge, Colonia, Hopewell and Hamilton West as well as students from the Stuart County Day School in Princeton attended the festival.

# New late bus policy enacted

by Que-Chi Tran As of March 2, high school administration implemented a new late bus policy. This addition requires all students who wish to ride the activity bus to receive approval from their teachers in the form of a pass or a hand stamp.

This is the first year that such a procedure has been adopted by the

According to Principal Charles King, the policy merely states that any student who is staying after school for an activity (such as a club, extra help, detention, etc.) will be permitted on the bus. However, the students who stay after school for other reasons will be denied this privilege. Mr. King clearly states, "It is an activity bus, NOT a 'hang-around' bus."

Apparently, Mr. King and assistant principals Mr. Tantillo and Mr. Szukics have been observing an increasing number of students who have been loitering in the hallways after school hours. This situation has existed since September, but the three administrators decided to wait to determine if the number of students loitering would eventually lessen. When it did not, they felt that something had to be done. The administration believes that such an atmosphere lacks supervision, and if someone were to get hurt, the school would be responsible.

While Mr. Szukics admitted that no fights have broken out, a bit of "pushing around" has occurred. According to Mr. King, "You don't wait until the ceiling falls down to fix the roof."

Students, though, have several

doubts about the policy. Senior Angeline Wong responded, "I'm indifferent because I'm a senior, but my younger sister's coming up. It's a big hassle for the teachers to have to write out all those passes and by the time they sign them, the students usually miss the bus."

### More disadvantages

Having foreseen such a problem, Mr. Szukics made stamps available in the office for teachers who are not expecting students after school or for advisers of large clubs. Thus, teachers would merely stamp the hand of each member on the way out the door.

Sophomore Eddie Kim stated, "They say it's to keep kids from hanging out, but all [the kids] end up doing is going to the library where there will be people actually trying to work."

However, the administration

has also considered this problem. Mr. King and Mr. Szukics are stationing people in the library to prevent problems.

Yet junior Zoltan Maliga still stated, "This policy is obviously another repressive measure along the path paved by student ID cards, hall passes, and outlawing headwear. The first day of the policy, I had to run to the office and exchange a pass from my teacher for a black stamp on my hand as if were some branded criminal. This measure has no practical application other than to test the school populace's acceptance of being browed by edicts.

Sophomore Richard Gitomdo agrees. "The effects will be good for the school in general but rough on an individual.

Mr. King, though, only "hopes to make the whole process as painless as possible for everyone.'



STAMP FOR ADMISSION: Students display late bus stamps in new Board policy.

# IPLE II captures NJ title

by Joseph Kim

On February 27th, the combined IPLE II class won the state level of the National Competition on the Bicentennial of the Constitution and the Bill of Rights. The competition was held in Sea Girt at the National Guard and State Police Training Center. The IPLE classes will go on to represent New Jersey at the national level in Washington, DC, for the fifth

### EBHS was well-prepared

The classes competed against nine different schools throughout New Jersey, in the largest statelevel competition ever held. Schools included Hamilton High School East (2nd place) and the Academy of Saint Elizabeth (3rd place). East Brunswick won with more than 100 points over the second place finisher.

Senior Danielle Schweiloch said, "Everyone was just really well-prepared and very well-versed in the Constitution, in Supreme Court cases, and Constitutional

law. And a common comment from the judges was when we should open up our own law practices.

The students admitted that they were very anxious and worried about winning the competi-

Senior Andy Soni stated, "There was a lot of pressure on us. For the past four years, the [IPLE] classes have gone to Washington. We didn't want to be the first year not

Senior Agnes Tang added, "We had our doubts because we didn't get to see other groups competing at the Congressional [level]. But as we were testifying, we really knew the strength of our group.'

### Competition procedure

At the competition, each school's team was placed in separate rooms. A panel of judges, consisting of newspaper writers, high school teachers, and professors, evaluated each school presentation. The students first delivered a four-minute presentation on an assigned topic. This was followed by a six-minute extemporaneous question period.

### Future in D.C.

Looking ahead, most students are confident of success in Washington, DC. Senior Kim Seelinger stated, "The key thing is enthusiasm. If they have that, they will blow away everyone in DC.

Senior George Stapleton added, "I think they've got a really positive attitude. I think that the class wants to win and they don't want to settle for second. You put everything on the line and you realize that you don't want to go home empty-handed."

#### Chances look good

When asked of East Brunswick's chance in the Nationals, Mr. Calimano, who teaches the period 5 IPLE II class, stated, "If they do the same kind of job as they did [at the state competition] they'll be up there with the best of

# **Editorials**

# Late bus passes are not the answer

At first glance, the new late bus pass policy not only seems burdensome to both students and faculty, but moreover strikes a blow at the developing sense of responsibility high school offers. On a deeper level, the policy reflects a growing problem within the school and the community. Many students have nothing to do after school.

Despite the wide variety of clubs and athletics available at EBHS, many students feel that such rigidly-structured activities do not provide the outlet they seek after sitting through six plus hours of classes. Furthermore, last year's adoption of a closed forum policy excludes clubs unrelated to the curriculum; many offerings are thus slanted towards the more academically-oriented members of the class. Students also point to the oft-quoted warning from their teachers, "You're in this class to learn, and you can socialize with your friends after school." By 2:15, socializing behind Building Five seems both appealing and convenient.

The loitering mirrors a larger problem within the community—there is no easily accessible location for teens to congregate with their peers. It is now time for the student body, administration, and Board of Education to address the after-school situation. Some schools, such as Ridgewood (NJ) High School, offer a lounge where students can purchase snacks and socialize with peers after school. The EBHS Student Council or Class Councils could run such a coffee shop after school in the cafeteria. Not only would they make money to be used for the Prom, etc., but they would also provide a valuable service for their classmates: a supervised yet informal and unstructured social environment.

Perhaps the closed forum club policy should be reconsidered by the Board. Student input should be sought in an effort to devise constructive programs which would allow students to relax in a stress-free environment, without requiring a steady commitment to attend.

The bottom line is that the answer to a problem does not lie merely in imposing more rules. Problems within the school can only be solved through the collaborative efforts of students, administrators, and the community at large.

### Narcs are dangerous

by Dan Sadowsky and Jocelyn So

You are a typical student in a typical high school. Some say you have fallen in with the wrong crowd, but you maintain you are just being yourself. A few of your friends are into drugs, but you want no part of that. After school one day, though, one of your friends really starts putting on the pressure, and you feel compelled to try a joint. After reluctantly taking one puff, you find yourself listening to the Miranda rights. Your "friend" is a nare, and you are under arrest.

Though this situation is purely hypothetical, there is no reason why it cannot occur. Undercover drug agents, or "narcs," are becoming a powerful weapon in the war on drugs. They are successful in ridding society of illicit drugs because they actually infiltrate the groups that use them. However, when the location is a high school, the good intentions often fall prey to abuse.

For example, inexperienced young adults are prone to entrapment by a narc. This entails being

# Good intentions fall prey to abuse.

asked or otherwise influenced to use or purchase drugs. While this is illegal, there is little to prevent a corrupt narc from doing so; the court will be much more likely to believe a police officer's story than that of a "juvenile delinquent."

Just as the appearance of an accused adolescent will sway a jury, so will it attract the attention of a narc. In a school of anywhere from idea that students are guilty.

two hundred to two thousand students, a narc cannot possibly observe all of them in order to find a suspect. Instead, he or she will invariably target those who fall into the category of being "unconventional." By appearing different from the rest, a student becomes a suspect to a narc while the conservative-looking student, who may happen to be a dealer, gets away

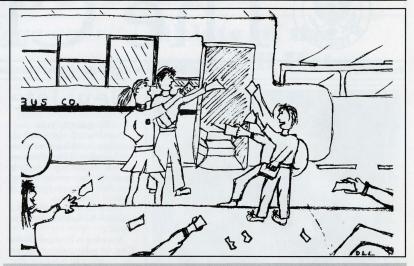
In addition, the secrecy of the narc's presence cannot be maintained forever. Eventually, someone will find out about a narc in the school. While this may deter drug activity, it also generates attitudes of mistrust and tension that can create unrest. Furthermore, it can cause rumors to begin circulating about the narc's identity, which can potentially ruin an accused student's sensitive self-image.

Finally, while the presence of

# This is not "21 Jump Street"

narcs may remove drugs from schools, it may also displace drug activity to other locations. It would be more efficient to prevent drugs from entering the community in the first place; otherwise, nothing is being done to solve the problem.

It is easy to see why narcs are often used when drugs overwhelm a school. However, we must realize that this is not "21 Jump Street," innocent people can get hurt in the process. We must eliminate drugs at the source rather than at the school with the preconceived idea that trudents are milly.



# A view from the left and right: Narcs in school

# Drug users beware!

by Evan Henkin and Hershal Shevade

The next time you are in your English class, think about the person sitting next to you. Is this person an ordinary student like you? Or is he or she a narcotics officer (nare) whose job it is to rid the school of drugs? As drug use has become omnipresent in schools across America, it has become necessary to resort to one of the newest and most effective police methods of fighting the drug epidemic—the narc.

Although many consider the use of the undercover narcotics agent to be an "extreme" measure, for Anthony Cast, principal of Cherry Hill East High School in Cherry Hill, NJ, it was the only way to combat the drug problem. Even though Cherry Hill had relied on more traditional anti-drug programs, such as drug-education classes in both the high school and elementary schools, Cost felt the

situation required more forceful action. As a result, he employed the services of undercover officers, and his school was clean of drugs within eight months.

What do administrators such as Cost see that warrant these actions? The statistics. It has been estimated that most high-school students have been exposed to marijuana, about sixty percent have tried it, and about forty percent use it regularly. Furthermore, in a cleanup of ten Los Angeles County schools during the 1983 school year, police recovered close to fifty thousand dollars worth of marijuana, over twelve thousand dollars worth of cocaine, and close to ten thousand dollars worth of LSD. In Los Angeles County schools alone, almost three thousand students have been arrested over the last nine years for possession of these three drug

In addition to actually detecting drugs in school, a large part of a

narc's job is to scare students away from the illegal substances. A single round-up of drug dealers and users by a narc can make other dealers think twice about distributing drugs on campus. Furthermore, the realization that drug use can lead to a police record can dissuade those considering drugs.

Contrary to popular opinion, narcs do not prey on those who are "outsiders" or look different than the student population. In fact, those who were arrested by the LA narcs came from diverse ethnic and socio-economic backgrounds.

Undercover drug agents have become a vital measure in the war against drugs. Educational methods alone have proved to be ineffective. Student drug users must realize the consequences of their actions, and this is where the narcs come into play. Drug users beware!

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# my column

by Ilana Goldman

Well, another issue, another column. It's sorta hard to decide what to talk about, there are so many topics floating about the school. First, let's discuss the hat policy. What's the point? According to rumors, some seniors have had their out-to-lunch privileges revoked and other such sinister punishments have been applied. Again, what's the point? With no disrespect to the administration, I fail to see exactly what this rule is to accomplish. It has long been a tradition at EBHS that if any teacher was offended, the student could correct the situation, i.e. take the hat off. In scenario two, we have the danger of headgear in the gym. It was already an established rule that students were not to wear hats in the gym in order to prevent accidents. So all the bases are covered, right? Obviously not, because for some apparent reason we are unable to wear hats in our school. I've never seen a hat disrupt or disturb class, so, once again, why? Now, personally, it doesn't really bother me; I've never really been a hat-wearer. But for the rest of the crowd, I think it is highly unfair. Not to mention unconstitutional. Yes, I realize that the concept sounds a bit drastic, but I think it's appropriate. I've been wondering if charges could be brought against the school. Does not unjustified censorship of speech, print, or dress go against all of our basic freedoms guaranteed to us by the Constitution of the United States of America?

The saddest thing about the dilemma is that the administration will never back down. As with all leaders, power and strength must be shown at all times. How would it look for the almighty powers of EBHS to back down to a few fliers and defiant students? I must applaud those students who circulated the flier and encouraged the revolt. The founding fathers of the nation we live in, which I am sure the administration reveres and respects, were once the same civil disobeyers that the hat wearers are. Civil disobedience—that is how this country was created-and many of our most sacred laws were derived. Anyhow, rather than do what is fair and what is just, the administration would rather enforce an unfair rule than appear to give in to student pressure. And I must ask, what is so bad about students actually taking part in their government? I find it highly ironic that society is constantly criticizing the youth of America for not involving themselves in politics, yet, when they attempt to better the system, they are deemed insubordinate. Just last month

Congressman Zimmer was invited to speak at our school to encourage our involvement. Well, part of citizen participation is protesting an unfair law.

I have not seen the student council take much action on this issue either. Granted, there are a great many services that the student government provides; however, I have failed to see them fight the administration on one major issue. Or at least adequately explain why they have taken no action. I think it is time that they, too, become accountable for their actions. Why can't the students be given a synopsis of what they have done, perhaps in this very newspaper? Aren't our student representatives there to fight for what we want? Do they not realize there is a controversy brewing? Is it any wonder that the student body has to come forward to protest what its elected representatives will not? I. for one, would like to see something other than fundraisers carried out by our student council.

The hat wearers and all EBHS students have a right to be disappointed. The lesson being taught at EBHS is that it is not what is fair, it is not involvement in government, it's politics. Because you can't fight city hall—or the King.

# Beyond The Yellow Gate

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**by Lynda Tsai** Well. well. Here we are

again. Aren't you lucky. Not. Happy April Fool's Day—a few weeks late.

Ok, I'll cut the small talk...

Let's talk hog. Plastic hog, that

Plastic hog on a person's head, really.

How, uh, school spirited.

Yes, everyone, for students at Wall High School in Wall, NJ, wearing a replica of a swine signifies school spirit.

Now, can this compare to green-and-white day? I think not.
I wonder what they wear to the

prom ....

Speaking of proms, did you know that some schools don't allow dateless students to attend the prom?

Ugh, what a rule.

But yes, this really takes place in the North Allegheny School District near Pittsburgh, PA. Last year, 600 seniors received letters which stated that dateless individuals and homosexual couples will not be received at the prom. According to the district spokesperson (PC runs rampant in my blood—that's too much IPLE talking), the school "prefers boys and girls at the prom" further stating that these rules have long existed.

Well, this school typifies a 1990's attitude. Yeah, and monkeys might fly ....

May the EBHS administrators never get the wrong idea ....

Let's talk football.

Yes. I realize that I'm four months late (or six months early). Can you imagine a Texas high school without a football team?

This is true. In Brock, TX, the voters chose to eliminate football from the "extracurricular menu" (?!?) in hopes of paying for a new classroom and cafeteria in the town's only school.

Wow—I wonder what they throw through rings at pep rallies now.

As you can see, I'm beginning to run out of interesting things to write about. You should've seen what I *nearly* wrote about:

SIDEBURNS: DO THEY REALLY LOOK GROOVY OR DO THEY SIMPLY KEEP YOUR FACE WARM?

Guess that's about it. May the force be with you ....



# TIPS ON SAVING THE EARTH

by Lori Kahn and Nicole Like

Hi guys, we're back. Now that we're approaching spring, senioritis (sorry sophomores and juniors) is in full swing. So go outside and ride your bike or take a hike (wow, we're on a roll!), because you won't be polluting the air (yeah, we really know you cheapskates just want to save on gas money!). So, read on for a really groovy tip!

Save those cute little bunnies...

We have no objection to you making yourself look great to get that hot prom date (Shakespeare is probably rolling over in his grave right now!), but many companies test their wares like shampoos, soaps, and cosmetics on animals, including rabbits, monkeys, rats, and mice. Mascara is often placed in animals' eyes, with their tear ducts removed, making it impossible for the animals to wash the chemical out of their eyes. In addition, lipstick and toothpaste are fed to the animals being tested, clogging their internal systems, ultimately resulting in their deaths.

Next time you plan to shop for the aforementioned products, read the labels and look for the ones that say "cruelty-free." Some brands that we deem are a-okay include Revlon, Sebastion, and Paul Mitchell. Also, shop in stores where none of the products are tested on animals such as The Body Shop (Don't worry, they have products for guys also, such as aftershayes, soaps, and shampoos). Stay tuned for more tips in the next issue, and remember, when you sneeze, use a cruelty-free tissue.

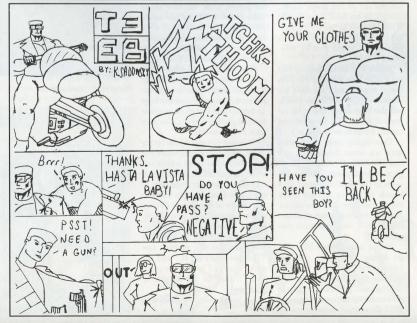
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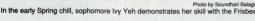
Photo by Soundhari Balaguru
Dance students (left to right) Tricia Oliver, Laurie Macklowitz, Andrea Olan, Jennifer Nagy, and Michelle Demydenko talk with
members of the NYC Ballet.



# What are YOU gonna







# Good times close to home (?!)

by Suzanne Klein

Okay. So you aren't being whisked away to some tropical beach where you'll meet tons of people of the opposite sex for Spring Break. Bummer. But you're not alone! There are a lot of you out there who will be in good ol' EB. Just to annoy all you tropic lovers, the stay-at-homers (all 17 of them) told me what they'll be doing over Spring Break.

For instance, junior Matt Silberberg was at first reluctant to inform me of his plans. Later, though, he confided in me that he is just DYING to "go see the donkeys at the petting zoo." Which petting zoo might that be now, Matt?

Senior Eric Brodie eagerly told me that he'll be working. He then (very) eagerly told me that his close buddy, senior Brian Frank, will also be working "due to his increased debt." (He then offered me ten bucks to work that in.)

On a slightly more serious side, here are some things that you really CAN do. (Not that you can't go visit the donkeys...) Be a rebel go to the movies. Round up a bunch of people and go see a movie that Mom told you not to. No? Where's your sense of adventure? Oh, I see, you want real adventure.

In that case, go for a bike ride, go hiking with your pals, or (ahhh!) clean your room. If all else fails, you could always run through the sprinkler, go sock-shopping (a personal fave), or watch reruns of 1983 Cincinnati Reds games on

the SportsChannel, right?

Why not enjoy the outdoors: Senior Alli Arons told me of her plans: "I want to go camping with my friends. It's always so much

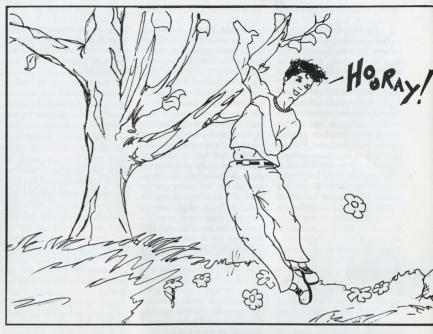
On a more mental side, go to the library and read the books on palmistry (they're in the psychology aisle), rewrite the words to "Kill Your Television," or do the unthinkable-study!

Food, do you say? Well, sure, you can settle for Mickey D's and his golden arch, but how about some creativity? Try a new exotic restaurant, or do the all-time favorite: Invite some friends over for green eggs and ham. (Not to worry! They taste just fine.)

Don't forget that summer's just a few months away! Why not get in shape? Battle boredom; get together with some chums and have an (organized) ball game or other form of physical activity. You may even have some fun!

However you spend your Spring Break, please, PLEASE remember not to try all of these within too small a time frame. Although it may seem extremely impressive to tell Uncle Fred that you hiked to the library with your pet donkey while singing "Kill Your Deskdrawer," wore your new socks on a bike ride through the sprinkler, then went to the movies, saw Toothbrush: Part II," and ate green eggs and ham in the audience, it may be detrimental to your health.

So, bungee-cord jumping, any-





Places to go . . . people to see.

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"Go to Disney World with my boyfriend





Spend a lot of time with all of my



# do over Spring Break?



# FLORIDA FLORIDA FLORIDA

Junior Angela Liao browses through travel brochures.

# How many days 'til Cancun? Seniors break free in April

by Swati Dutta Roy

April 17-26, 1992. Unless you're really lost (i.e. you still think you don't need a bus pass to ride the late bus home), or you just aren't bright enough to connect the headline with the story, this week (give or take a few days) should mean something very important to you. You know what it is—SPRING BREAK!!! C'mon, the school's been looking forward to this since, well, ... winter break. But EB (sit down, this may come as a shock) is not the center of vacation paradise! To a large number of seniors, spring break should be much more exciting than what many will be experiencing here in EB (yes, fellow juniors and sophs, there is excitement beyond the library).

Many seniors are visiting the traditional spring break hangouts, those far, far away from, well, here. Some thirty-three seniors are heading down to Cancun for the ten days. Jackie DeAngelis, one of the thirty-three going, commented that the ride down and the stay "should be fun with the big group that's going."

Victor Tartara, who was responsible for getting the group together, chose Cancun because, "I heard it's a nice place. A couple of my friends went down there last year and had a great time. It's very Americanized, so we won't be going anywhere totally deserted. I talked to some people and they really wanted to go, so we started getting things together." He further commented that while in Cancun, he and his friends would be, "going to clubs, jet skiing, laying out, and having fun."

Anjali Ramasunder, another Cancunner (Is that a word?), said while she's in Cancun, she'll be "enjoying the beautiful beaches, tanning, and partying with friends." Yes, but will she have all the advantages of the public library? Thought not ....

Jackie had a more sentimental view of the trip. She sees the trip as "one of the last senior-oriented things [we'll be doing] together. All of us wanted to do something good, something fun, something we'd all remember."

Not all seniors are traveling in such large groups. Karen Jones will be renting a house at Seaside Heights for a couple of days with some friends, while Melissa Wigderson and three of her friends are going to Puerto Rico for six days.

Instead of just enjoying ten days of mere relaxation and pleasure,

some seniors will actually be thinking about their futures, namely colleges. Lauren Appel will be going to Maryland to visit schools, one of which she hopes to attend in the fall. Albert Chang, though "nothing's set yet," will probably be attending a four-day orientation program at Brown University in Rhode Island. The program will encompass activities designed to interest those who have already been accepted to the school under its early action policy.

Dedicated senior athletes will be doing some heavy-duty training over spring break. Varsity track runner Steve Morales will be training for the Inter-Scholastic Decathlon held in East Brunswick, "unless my parents force me to go on vacation with them to Hilton Head." Can you imagine? How cruel!

Well, that's it for this glimpse into the life, or more specifically the spring break, of some EBHS seniors. Juniors and sophomores, don't lament—one day, not too far in the future, you too will have as exciting a spring break as these seniors (and you can leave your wallet at home and Don Ho will even sing for you ....)! Really!!

Well, to all ... HAVE A HAPPY SPRING BREAK!

# Underclassmen still can have fun

by Melinda E. Hoffman

Well, once again, we've made it to the third quarter (more or less intact) and everyone in the school is awaiting Spring Vacation with bated breath. Of course, this little respite from the trials and tribulations of school can bring its own dilemmas. Namely, what's a person supposed to do with all that free time? If you're not a senior and your parents aren't willing to let you tour the capitals of Europe on your own, you might be wondering.

Many sophomores and juniors concurred with sophomore Debbie Li, who commented, "I don't know. When is it?" (It's April 17th to April 26th, counting weekends, kids. Mark it on your calendar.)

Although sophomore Tracy Grazioli plans to "stay at home and watch game shows and soap operas," some of you might require something just a bit more stimulating. If so, you might want to take a cue from some underclasspeople (let's be affirmative action-oriented here) who have decided to take it on the road. For example, sophomore Adam Neary, who is going to France and "never coming back;" sophomore Susan Lichtenburg, who will be sojourning in the Bahamas; and juniors Celia and Beth Cackowski, who are visiting the King in Graceland. The more industrious of you

might want to join sophomore Jennifer Moran, who will be working for the duration of the break. If, however, you are feeling particularly energetic, you could make a contribution to society during your time off by securing world peace, feeding the hungry, ending unemployment, and/or saving the rain forests from imminent destruction. Well, okay, maybe not, but it would look good on a transcript.

### during Spring Break, what would it be? by Soundhari Balaguru



nice babes!"

—Dang Nguyen (junior)

"Go down the shore with Patti and 'The Crew'."

-Liza Toto (sophomore)





"Go white-water rafting with the Swedish Bikini Team."



# **BEATS**



Photo by Rachel Stark

### Student Focus:

### Lee bows to success

by Kim Seelinger

When most of us were four years old, we occupied ourselves with ludicrously colorful toys, bland food, and tearing about the house armed only with dangerously short attention spans .... That's just the way four-year-olds are. However, sophomore Charlotte Lee managed to find time between rampages to take up violin lessons.

"It was something my mother had never had the chance to do, so she started my sister and myself," she said. And, with over eleven years of experience, it is not so very surprising that she has nourished an immense involvement with violin. As part of the New Jersey Youth Symphony, Charlotte practices for several hours a week. Charlotte also auditioned for Senior Regions, making it to the All-State Orchestra. That, of course, is in addition to her inschool involvement. (And did I mention that she can play the piano, too?)

Charlotte taught a handful of young violin students over the summer, keeping two of them as pupils during the school year.

The way they are taught in school has changed," she noted. "I was taught differently-by eartraining. Now, everything starts with reading the music."

Of course, Charlotte is not one to let a shift in the fundamentals get in the way of further musical study. No, a violin-geared major does not seem probable, she says. Charlotte thinks that she will opt, instead, to pursue her interest in music as a college minor. And for a major? "I have no idea..." she admitted.

I am tempted to suggest piano

### SENIORSSENIORSSENIORSSENIORSSENI

by Agnes Tang
Y THREE MORE MONTHS LEFT!!!! Although this year is usually referred to as "the best year" of our entire high school career, you have to admit, it definitely has its slow moments. Senior Cut Day has long passed, the excitement of the out-to-lunch privilege is growing thin, and for those of us that are over eighteen, even our ability to sign ourselves in school late seem almost futile within the confines of this limited

Wait. Did I mention that there were only THREE MORE MONTHS LEFT? With the Senior Servant Auction, the Senior Variety Show, the Prom, graduation, and especially with final college acceptances just around the

corner, it looks as if these three months will definitely add more excitement as well as anxiety in our

The striking yellow of Emory University that used to dominate the "What's Next" board is beginning to blend in as more college acceptances are posted. While a growing number of us are leaning back, counting down the microseconds until we leave East Brunswick, there is still a large number of seniors that are waiting anxiously for that day speeding through every side street of their neighborhoods hunting for their mailmen.

A fellow Northwesterner will also be doing the same, despite her early acceptance. Out of 35,000 high school applicants, Diana

Bernbaum was chosen as a finalist in The Iostens Foundation Leader Scholarship Program for 1992. She will have to wait for her final result in April.

In the meantime, many seniors face distress in determining plans for next year. Senior Frank Greek vented his dilemma of choosing between his entrance into Johnson and Wales Culinary School and "hanging around for another year" until his girlfriend graduates.

In addition, Lee Selznick lamented, "After submitting my application to the Rutgers Honors Program, I am waiting anxiously to see if I'll get in so I can move on to decide the fun part of all this hassle \*

### CLUBSCLUBSCLUBSCLUBSCLUBSCLUBSC

by Andy Mendlowitz

While the presidential primaries are currently getting a lot of attention, more important elections are taking place. Most clubs are already holding their elections for next year and, as the next Tom Brokaw, I decided to get the scoop on the elections. Unfortunately, I wasn't able to dig up much dirt.

But I could tell you why the elections are now instead of on November 3. The dates of the elections differ depending on the club's needs. For example, the Key Club held its election in the be ginning of March because they are part of a national organization and they need new members for the national convention in March.

The Future Homemakers of

America (FHA) holds elections in late April and early May to allow board members to adjust to new positions and benefit from advice of graduating incumbent officers.

On the other hand, the Poetry Club holds elections in June. According to adviser John Pember, "We want to see who's interested until the end."

The positions differ, depending on the needs of the club. For example, FHA has two publicity officers for fund-raisers and a public relations officer. Compare this to the Poetry Club's lone president!



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### Remember when?

by Stacey Quaranta and Manish Nag

Long, long ago, in a galaxy far, far away, ancient builders broke the hallowed ground of 380 Cranbury Road and founded an institution built upon the virtues of truth, integrity, time, love, and tenderness. Without the wisdom of our mentors, the high school could not have attained its present glory. Thus we began our journey to reclaim a past that spans over a quarter of a century.

After delving into the archives, tearing apart historic documents, and going weeks without food, we have emerged with startling truths about EBHS. We have left many things behind as we've forged ahead into the uncertain future. First, we'd like to have a moment of silence for all the former clubs that have, well, kicked the bucket. Our hearts go out to: the Future Nurses of America, the Radio Club, the Language Lab Assistants, the Bridge Club, the Rifle Club, and the Magic Club. We understand the gap they have left in the lives of the student body, and we yearn for their quick

MARK BARRETT

The grief of the students should be unbearable, as several other fixtures of the high school experience have, well, bought the farm. The homecoming floats, the Junior Prom, class trips to Williamsburg and Hershey Park-all vanished into the mists of memory. There was once a time when even science fairs drew anxious crowds, packing the gym, leaving latecomers seatless. Dances were also once actual social events, widely attended by students who, well ... danced.

Yes, much has changed since the time when EBHS students used to cruise Harts Lane and considered Mid State Mall "downtown." No longer is Route 18 the Sunset Strip with its "glaring neon lights." Now the once-barren East Brunswick roads have spawned mystical entertainment havens such as Sports N' Stuff: the new improved Foodtown; Taco Bell; and not one, but two billiards halls. Yes, the future still holds promise, though much has passed through the halls of our high school. Now let's all hold hands and sing "Kum Ba Yah."

Daniela Drulis: From Bear to Knight by Amy Erenrich No one expected Daniela

Drulis to be an athlete in college. Including herself. "I never saw myself playing sports after high school. I was not

one of the top recruits." Yet, to her pleasant surprise, the 1990 EBHS graduate was

awarded one of four walk-on positions on the Rutgers' Lady Knights basketball team during her freshman year at the University. "At the time they needed peo-

ple; they had a lot of pre-season injuries," Daniela explained modestly. Actually, gaining a spot on the Lady Knights was no small feat-the team has consistently been ranked among the top teams in the East and is trained by 1992 Olympic basketball coach Theresa

Though Daniela scored two points in her first Rutgers game, her entire court career lasted only 50 minutes

Daniela had yet to make her mark in collegiate athletics.

This year, as a sophomore, she gained a spot on the Rutgers' volleyball team. Though Daniela had been co-captain of the EBHS girls basketball team, she had virtually no experience playing volleyball. "I always wanted to play volleyball, but we never had a team in high school," she said. In fact, the only court time Daniela had ever seen prior to her Rutgers tryout was 'during gym in [high] school."

"You see," she explained with a grin, "I've always wanted to spike. I have this desire to do things that I can't do." Daniela's petite stature (5'3") prevents her from spiking. "I'm too short!" she exclaimed.

Despite Daniela's lack of experience and her "restrictive" height, she made an impressive debut in collegiate volleyball. "I played a lot more towards the end. At the be-



ginning of the season I had to get down the fundamentals," she explained. Daniela conceded that she practiced for "two hours each night after regular volleyball practice.

"I didn't even know that Daniela didn't play in high school until mid-season!" exclaimed volleyball team co-captain Randi Sheps. "She picked up really quickly on everything."

Though volleyball is a fall

sport, conditioning continues throughout the year for college athletes, "There are still tournaments that we play in. We also practice two mornings a week for several hours," Daniela explained. During the regular season, the practice schedule is much more rigorous. "You have to get all of your classes in before five o'clock." When the team has games, they jet off to other universities as far as Chicago.

"It is tougher to be a student athlete in college than in high school," stated Daniela. On the university level, playing a sport requires a huge commitment. In fact, the only way you can legally miss class is "if you're sick, if someone in your family dies, or if you are an athlete and have a game."

As a sports therapy major,

Daniela hopes to keep athletics a part of her life. Additionally, she aspires to coaching one day. "I'll probably get a training certificate through Rutgers and then take the courses I need to get a coaching certificate," she explained.

This year, Daniela's younger brother Mike, a freshman, started running track for the Churchill Her younger sister, Catherine, has recently started competing in gymnastics. Perhaps Daniela Drulis has started a legacy, both at EBHS and beyond.



# **FEATURES**

# Mock Trial Team gets winning verdict



Photo by Danielle Schw Junior Brian Gottlieb questions junior Harris Aaron in preparation for the Mock Trial competition Trial competition

### by Lara Parker

All rise. This is the case of the East Brunswick Mock Trial Team versus other competing teams in the county. This court is now in session.

At the Middlesex County Court House in New Brunswick, a team consisting of ten students, four lawyers and six witnesses, competed in the Vincent J Apruzzese Mock Tria Competition. The New Jersey State Bar Foundation, working in conjunction with New Jersey's county bar associations, implements the contest a simulated courtroom trial. A Middlesex County judge or a lawyer scores the teams and decides the winners of each trial.

The case this year is one of educational malpractice. A semi-literate student is suing the school because he/she feels that he/she was not taught properly, though he/she is scheduled to graduate

Mr. John Calimono, one of the advisers, remarked, "I'm impressed with the team because they hang together and cooperate in a way that I haven't seen in a long time

According to the other adviser, Mr. Al Brodman, "The way the members of team performed at the competition made Cal and me proud of the work they put However, Mr. Brodman added that "it's very nice to win, but if that's the least we get out of the program, then it's wonderful.

The judge in the deciding case was William G. Brigiani, a practicing lawyer who has judged these competitions for five years. Mr. Brigiani feels the contest develops "poise, memory, rapport with people, and thinking on your feet." He said, "I've seen the college competition of the same trial, and high school is more feisty. College kids think they're 'cool.'

In past Mock Trial Competitions our school has done well. In 1987 and 1988, the team won the county championship and, in 1988. East Brunswick won the first round in the regional competition. No East Brunswick team has yet to go on to win the statewide competition.

Well, the verdict is in! In the case of Fast Brunswick versus the other Middlesex county teams the jury finds in favor of East Brunswick and awards them the Middlesex County championship. Now on to the next round, with more sworn testimonies, objections, and cross examinations to come. This court is adjourned.

# From shower to center court

by Judy Tsai

A hush falls upon the entire gymnasium. The silence is broken only by the faint hum of the pitchpipe. All at once a beautiful rendition of "The Star-Spangled Banner" emanates from the huddle of choir members at the far corner of the gym. Though not a single play has been made, these singing heroes have already aroused the spectators.

At the beginning of each school rear, choir director Dennis Boyle holds open auditions for chorus members interested in singing "The Star-Spangled Banner" and the EBHS alma mater at school sporting events. Those who audition may try out individually or form groups consisting of one soprano, one alto, one tenor, and one bass (components of a fourpart harmony).

In her three years of high school, senior Tracey Shull has sung at wrestling matches, gymnastic meets, basketball games, football games, and pep rallies. As part of EBHS's 72-member choir, Tracey feels that singing for sporting events is "a lot different because everyone is focused on just

Junior Duy Nguyen agrees that singing for athletic events is different from singing in choir. At chorus concerts, people come to hear singers. At sporting events,

however, "[The people who come] aren't here to hear me sing. They came to watch the game. But [the audience] surprises me with their attentiveness

Senior Kevin Dittman appreciates this attention. "I like letting others in the high school know what I can do. It's nice to get recognition."

The spotlight is also a motivating factor for junior Jerome You. "I wish I could sing at more important things," he explains.

Duy's motivation is quite different from Jerome's. "I don't do it for the fame ... I do it to let others know about chorus and what we do. Besides, people [like to] listen to live performances [more than] recordings."

Jerome's wish, however, has become reality for senior Kristen Twidle, who was recently invited to sing "The Star-Spangled Banner" at the state boys' basketball finals. Kristen states, "I was flattered they asked me, but I really had no intentions of singing for recognition. I just did it; I like to sing.'

When the Bears are victorious, it is usually the coaches and players who receive the accolades. Though vocalists who sing "The Star-Spangled Banner" may not directly lead the Bears to victory, they are most certainly "unsung"

Gourmet

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# Going once, going twice, SOLD!

by Rachel Rear

Were you puzzled when you first heard the words "Senior Servant Auction"? Senior Servant ... Auction? Okay. After some reliable sources were interviewed, the following was revealed:

1. A conglomeration of upperclassmen (and women) congregate and sell each other.

2. The next day, the buyee does whatever (whatever?) the buyer wants

3. Last year, someone paid 175 dollars for Heather Kisko.

Think about it. A bunch of seniors sell themselves to people to do whatever (within reason) they are asked to do. Just what will a person do? Of course there's the usual homework, carrying books, etc., but devious minds can come up with some rather unusual suggestions. How about polishing the silver, clipping toenails, color-coordinating clothes, and giving ser-enades of "Roxanne" before and after every class? But PLEASE, if you wish to be serenaded with that ever-popular Police song, choose a servant with a semi-sense of pitch.

Unfortunately, the "servants"

are only bound for periods one through eight, so domestic chores are out of the question (Does clipping toenails fall into this category?). So you can't have your servant babysit for the kids who tried to tie you up.

A bill of sale is signed at the time of purchase, ensuring the buyer of the servant's labors. The next day the servant is given a Tshirt to wear that recognizes him or her as a servant. On it is a giant "hall pass" signed by Mr. King allowing the student to be late to class due to the whims of his or her "owner."

The servants-to-be were chosen by a select group of senior class and student council members. Prior to the auction, potential servant senior Diana Bernbaum said, "I'm a little ner-Diana vous about being sold, but I'll

Mrs. Lenore Kingsmore is one of the supervisors of the auction. 'The Senior Servant Auction has always proven to be not only a big money-maker for the senior class she said, "but it is a lot of fun for all involved.'

The Gargantuan

by Hilary Maugham

Introducing, for your dining pleasure, J.P. Lee's, The Original Mongolian Barbeque!

Well, actually, it was my dining pleasure. And no, this place does not serve yak, as its name may suggest. It's just an amazing restaurant located at Albany Street, Ferren Mall, New Brunswick (yes, we're talking Rutgers students galore).

This restaurant is distinct from the same old boring ones. You know, where the quality of your dinner depends on how bad a mood the chef's in. This place is different because you're the chef!

All you do is get seated, eat the soup the waitress serves you, and then go to the food bar and take your pick of chicken, pork, or beef. You then fill a gigantic bowl a third of the way full with meat, fresh vegetables, and noodles. Then add three ladles of one, or a combination, of the five secret sauces, which range from sweet to sour. (Of course, you then have to add a ladle of oil, so the food doesn't burn when cooked, and if

you want, a ladle of wine.) Once done with this long and difficult (but fun!) routine, you then carry your bowl up to the "chefs."

These guys will now cook up your meal for you on one of three grills. Far from your backyard variety grills, these are at least three feet in diameter, and are extremely hot. The chefs take your bowl from you, dump the contents onto the grill, stir-fry your meal using long wooden sticks, and then scoop the well-cooked meal back into the bowl. What a concept! Your food never leaves your sight and you can see exactly what they do to it at all times. (That's kinda why I don't trust regular restaurants.)

So now you have assembled a hot meal for yourself. So how does all this taste? Let's just say that the conversation at my table lagged because we were too busy eating. The food is fantastic! By the time you return to your table the waitress has brown rice waiting there (note: very healthy) which you can mix in with your food. And here's

another plus: it's all you can eat. You can go and fill your bowl as many times, in as many ways, as you like. All this yummy food for only \$6.95! (Drinks are extra.)

Besides all that (and what more do you want?), the atmosphere at I.P. Lee's is really casual and intimate. While you eat you can eavesdrop on the Rutgers students that frequent the restaurant. My only problem with J.P. Lee's is the fact that every time someone tipped the cooks, they would ring a stupid little bell. This was kinda annoving.

(A special note to all you health and environmental people out there: J.P. Lee's offers "Healthy Heart Selections" that are endorsed by the American Heart Association, and all their take-out items are served in environmentalfriendly containers.)

For that last note alone, J.P. Lee's Original Mongolian Barbeque deserves a five out of five. Actually, it deserved it without

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# **BEARS' SPORTS**

# Bears to serve on college courts

by Michelle Eng

The most perplexing question facing many EBHS seniors is where they will be going to college in the fall. Robbie Chess, Dennis Hendrickson, and Jason Zuckerman need not worry because their skill on the tennis courts has earned them full scholarships to the universities of their choice.

The regulations of the National Collegiate Athletic Association do not allow college coaches or representatives to personally contact student athletes until after the end of their junior year. Nevertheless, Robbie, Dennis, and Jason all received an enormous amount of mail from prospective colleges, since the rules permit letter writing after the beginning of junior

Stanford, Harvard, UCLA, and Duke were among the universities that attempted to recruit Robbie. Jason was pursued by the University of Minnesota, the University of Maryland, Rice University, and the University of Wisconsin, while Dennis was contacted by the US Naval Academy, Bloomsburg University, and the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. Robbie stated that the recruiting process can often be "uncomfortable because colleges that you don't want to go to persist.'

After their junior year, Robbie, Dennis, and Jason each received phone calls from colleges and universities at least once a week. NCAA regulations allowed each to visit a maximum of five college sites at the expense of the college.

"[I] went on three trips and loved the University of Wisconsin so much that I wanted to go there," said Jason Zuckerman. He will be attending Wisconsin on a full scholarship, stating that he "felt that [he] fit in [with the tennis team] and really like the coach."

Robbie received a full scholarship from Duke University. He stated that he chose Duke because, "the coach was very good [and] the education is unbelievable. I will be able to get the best of both [education and tennisl.'

Dennis has been awarded a full scholarship to attend the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. which he chose because of the great climate and nice campus. He felt that he "could play tennis at a high position there [and] got along well with the tennis team."

In order to officially confirm their recruitments, Jason, Robbie, and Dennis had to sign Letters of

At this point, Robbie plans to pursue a professional tennis career. Though Jason "plans to attend satellite tournaments," he stated. "my education is first." Dennis hopes to spend "a year on protour" after he graduates from

# Athlete of the issue: Jill Hetman

by Mike O'Reilly

Among the many great runners who have made the East Brunswick girls winter track team the undefeated GMC champions, there is an exceptional individual who has made her mark not on the track, but on the field. That outstanding athlete is senior shotputter and discus thrower Jill Hetman. Her personality, coupled with her athletic ability, makes her an integral component of this year's track program.

Jill is a returning varsity letter winner in both winter and spring track. From the start of the season coach Harry Morris had high expectations of Jill. He is confident that she can be "one of the top three female shotputters in the county this spring, throwing 34 or 35 feet.

Jill's winter season was highly successful. "I broke a personal goal of 32'6" and hope that my distances keep improving," she stated. Additionally, she was just named an All-Division athlete.

Jill has also made a mark for herself on the varsity field hockey team. Last fall, she was named to the Home News All Area Second Team, and the All Conference Team. Field hockey teammate Sue Kim remarked, "I have a lot of respect for her for being so involved and not letting any of it go to her head.

Also an outstanding musician, Jill plays the viola in the EBHS Regional and All State Orchestras. Most of her teammates and friends use the adjective "well-rounded" to describe her because she is involved in a multitude of activities. Mr. Morris could not help adding, "Jill's funny, light-hearted attitude makes practice easier when I get a little crazy."

In the fall, Jill hopes to attend Rutgers University where she would like to play field hockey. Whatever the future may have in store, Jill says that "athletics, along with other extracurricular activities, have had a major effect on my



### Dave Rosenzweig: Ping Pong King

by Evan Bauman

To many students, ping pong is little more than a required part of gym class. However, for senior David Rosenzweig, table tennis is a competitive sport.

In the under-18 bracket, Dave is ranked 18th in the nation and has been the top-ranked player in New Jersey for the past four years. In 1990, he won the Junior Maccabee Games in Detroit, earning two gold metals and one bronze. Dave has taken home two gold medals each of the past two years in the annual Garden State Games. Last year, he was also a semi-finalist in an event at the US Open of Table Tennis.

Dave's ping pong career began in his basement at age four when he began playing against his father. At age seven, Dave joined the New Jersey Table Tennis Club in Westfield, where he still practices once or twice a week.

Though Dave had a private coach in the ninth and tenth grades, his skill level surpassed the coach's ability. Currently, Dave is

looking to "take on the top player in the country and to get him as a coach." This player, Yong Ying Zhaung, was once the champion of the Chinese province of Canton.

Dave sees ping pong as "one of the fastest growing sports in America." In some states, such as Maryland, it has become a varsity sport. Additionally, national tournaments are increasing in popularity. Important tournaments, both the US Open and the US Team Open are held once a year. The World Championship of Ping Ping is held every two years.

Dave's ping pong career has led to some unique opportunities. Two years ago, Dave endorsed a miniature ping pong table in a television commercial. He was selected to go to Sports for Understanding last summer in Switzerland as part of the American delegation. He was also invited to spend a year in Colorado at the Olympic Training Center. Dave indicated his interest "in participating in the Resident Training Program [in Colorado] because it

would have given me the opportunity to practice with the best players in the country." He turned down the offer because he and his parents agreed that "his education at EBHS was more important."

Dave's 4.5 GPA is proof that ping pong has not hurt his studies. "Ping pong serves as a break from the monotony of the week. I have to put a lot of effort into it, which takes my mind off of school. It works as an incentive for me to get my work done early rather than waiting until the last minute for things," he explained.

Dave intends to continue playing ping pong in college next year. "Many universities like Princeton are either trying to establish or improve their existing ping pong teams," he said.



Photo by Wendy Bessence Dave Rosenzweig combines style and form when preparing to spike the ball.

Pro-baseball '92 swings into action

#### by Joel Lynn

Well, sports fans, it's finally that time of year again -it's baseball season, and with every new season come some unforeseeable events, such as the miracle season of the Minnesota Twins and the Atlanta Braves in 1991. However, this forecaster has covered all the bases and fearlessly predicts that fans of the New York Mets, Cincinnati Reds, Toronto Blue Jays, and Chicago White Sox should be watching their teams play deep into October.

After five years of trying to repeat their 1986 championship season, the Mets appear ready to take on their inferior National League East counterparts. Led by outfielders Bobby Bonilla and Howard Johnson (should be a contender for the Most Valuable Player award) and one of the best pitching staffs in baseball, the Mets

are on the road to a successful season. New manager Jeff Torborg should play an important role in the Mets' success as well.

The Mets' National League rival this year appears to be the Cincinnati Reds. Shortstop Barry Larkin is in his prime and could be a huge factor in the team's success. The pitching staff, which features newly-acquired Greg Swindell and Tim Belcher, is anchored by Jose Rijo, who could emerge as the top pitcher in the National League. The bullpen, headed by "Nasty Boys" Norm Charlton and Rob Dibble, will undoubtedly prove a force to contend with.

The Toronto Blue Jays are the only 1991 division champion who can be expected to repeat in '92. Like the Reds, Toronto's bullpen appears to be the key. Led by om Henke, the team is stacked with competent relievers. The starting rotation is full of talented pitchers, and the offense, led by Roberto Alomar and Joe Carter, is also very formidable.

The Chicago White Sox appear to have a legitimate chance to make the World Series for the first time since 1959. The team is led by first baseman Frank Thomas, a slugger who is capable of winning the triple crown. Outfielder Tim Raines and pitcher Jack McDowell should be important assets as well.

As for you Yankees' and Phillies' fans out there, this season may provide the excitement that been lacking for years. While neither team should compete for the division championship, the Yankees, led by Danny Tartabull, Matt Nokes, and Roberto Kelly, seem to be building a very strong foundation. The Phillies are also an improved ball club, with an offense ignited by Lenny Dykstra.

### Joel picks 'em **PROJECTED 1992 STANDINGS**

#### NL EAST

- 1. New York Mets
- 2. Pittsburgh Pirates
- 3. Chicago Cubs4. Philadelphia Phillies
- 5. St. Louis Cardinals
- 6. Montreal Expos

#### AL EAST

- 1. Toronto Blue Jays 2. Boston Red Sox

- 3. Detroit Tigers4. New York Yankees
- 5. Baltimore Orioles 6. Milwaukee Brewers 7. Cleveland Indians

- NL WEST 1. Cincinnati Reds
- 2. Los Angeles Dodgers
- 3. Atlanta Braves
- 4. San Francisco Giants
- 5. Houston Astros 6. San Diego Padres

### AL WEST

- 1. Chicago White Sox
- 2. Texas Rangers
- 3 Oakland Athletics 4. Minnesota Twins
- 5. Seattle Mariners
- 6. Kansas City Royals 7. California Angels